

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on April 9, 2003 at
10:06 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 2 (Reconvened)
HB 381 (Sponsor wished to cancel
hearing)
Executive Action: HB 559, HB 748

HEARING ON HJR 2 (Re-convened)

Sponsor:

REP. RON DEVLIN, HD 3, Terry "Revenue estimating solution". **REP. DEVLIN** did not address the bill at this point as he had opened on April 7, 2003.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:07 Judy Paynter, Dept. of Revenue **EXHIBIT (tas76a01)**
10:10 Larry Finch, Research Office, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:17 Begin
SEN. JON ELLINGSON questioned Larry Finch, who referred the question to Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue
EXHIBIT (tas76a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:35 Larry Finch continued his review of EXHIBIT (1) on the Corporation License Tax Section.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:40 **SEN. KEN TOOLE** questioned Larry Finch.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:43 Larry Finch continued his review of EXHIBIT (1).

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:45 Begin
10:48 Ended
3 min Time elapsed.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:48 Brad Simshaw reviewed the Property Tax Section of EXHIBIT (1).

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:50 Begin
10:56 Ended
6 min Time elapsed.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:56 Dan Dodds continued with reviewing the Treasury Cash Account in EXHIBIT (1).

10:59 Dan Dodds then went on to review the Oil and Natural Gas Production Tax in EXHIBIT 1.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:01 Begin
11:06 Ended
5 min Time elapsed.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:06 Dan Dodds continued reviewing the Inheritance and Estate Tax section of EXHIBIT 1.

Closing by Sponsor:

11:09 **REP. DEVLIN** closed on HJR 2.

11:10 **CHAIRMAN DEPRATU** announced we would have a hearing on HB 381 next. **REP. DEVLIN** stated that **REP. DAN FUCHS** may not want to hold a hearing on HB 381 and will let the Chairman know.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 559

11:12 **Motion:** **SEN. GLASER** moved that HB 559 DO PASS. He then moved the amendment HB055901.alh **EXHIBIT**(tas76a03). He addressed the amendments and the bill.

Discussion:

11:17 Begin

11:21 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division, Dept. of Justice, addressed the amendments explaining that on page 28, Section 48, sub (c) it only apply to the collegiate plate.

11:59 Ended
42 min Time elapsed.

12:01 **SEN. STORY** moved **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. STORY** moved a conceptual amendment (Lee Heiman will draft). Motion carried 10-1 with **ELLINGSON** voting no and **BOHLINGER**, **ELLINGSON**, **MCNUTT** and **TAYLOR** voting by proxy.

12:03 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON** moved a conceptual amendment that would exclude all collegiate and specialty plates from permanent registration. **Vote:** The motion carried 8-3 with **GLASER**, **STORY** and **TAYLOR**(proxy) voting no.

12:09 Motion/Vote: SEN. GLASER moved that HB 559 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 8-3 with ELLINGSON, ELLIOTT, and TOOLE voting no, and BOHLINGER, MCNUTT and TAYLOR voting by proxy. Roll Call Vote No. 1.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 748

12:16 Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that HB 748 BE CONCURRED IN. He then moved an amendment HB74802.alh **EXHIBIT**(tas76a04). The motion on the amendment carried unanimously.

12:19 Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that HB 748 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously with BOHLINGER, MCNUTT and TAYLOR voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas76aad)